GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Department- Diversion of 4.64 Ha.(0.585 ha falls in Papikonda National Park) of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest land in Kakinada Division for providing LTE voice and data services in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s. Reliance JIO Infocom Limited - Permission accorded – Orders - Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE &TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 10 **Dated: 31-01-2019.**
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15026/11/2018/FCA-SEC/PCCF/FCA-1, Dt. 04.01.2019.
2. GoI, MoEF& C.C, New Delhi, Lr.No.11-9/98-FC, dated.16-10-2000 & 7-9-2015

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for diversion of 4.64 Ha.(0.585 ha falls in Papikonda National Park) of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest land in Kakinada Division for providing LTE voice and data services in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s. Reliance JIO Infocom Limited and requested to accord approval in view of the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide letter 2nd read above.

2. Government, after careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in the reference 2nd read above, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh for diversion of 4.64 Ha.(0.585 ha falls in Papikonda National Park) of forest land for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the road within the existing Right of Way (RoW) passing through forest land in Kakinada Division for providing LTE voice and data services in the State of Andhra Pradesh, in favour of M/s. Reliance JIO Infocom Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

i. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

ii. The User Agency shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Dated.28-3-2008 and 9-5-2008 in IA Nos. 826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202 of 1995 and as per the orders issued by Govt. of Andhra Pradesh vide Go.Ms.No.124, EFS&T (For.I) Department, Dated:27-7-2010.

iii. The funds received from the user agency towards Net Present value (NPV), under this project shall be deposited in SB A/c No.SB01025198, Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371).

iv. Additional amount of the Net Present value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be paid by the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

v. Other conditions specified in the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, letters Dt. 6-10-2000 and 7-9-2015 shall also be complied with by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, and user agency with which they are concerned.

vi. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.64 Ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department. The forest land shall be handed over to the user agency only after comply of the above conditions.

vii. The user agency shall obtain wildlife clearance for diversion of 0.585 ha of forest land falling in Papikonda National Park, before executing of the works as required under Section 29 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
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The P.S to Hon'ble Minister (EFS&T)

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